

## APPENDIX 4

### ACTIVITY DEFINITIONS

#### **SELECTION OF ACTIVITY:**

Choose the activity that best conveys what was happening at the time of pesticide use or pesticide use related activity (or should have happened). For example, the activity to record for failure to document training would be “record keeping”; for failure to follow TRAP regulations would be “aerating”.

Note\* If the activity is not adequately conveyed with the terms listed below, record “other” in the activity field and describe the activity in the “comments” field.

**ADVISING:** Giving instructions or advice on any agricultural use as to any particular application on any particular piece of property; holding oneself forth as an authority on any agricultural use; or soliciting services or sales of pesticides for any agricultural use.

**AERATING:** Adjusting, opening, repairing, or removing treatment site coverings, (e.g. plastic sheeting, tarpaulins, doors or barriers) used in field, structural or commodity fumigations. Includes opening of doors, windows; use of fans, to facilitate in aeration process.

**APPLYING:** Applying materials for the control of pests, including such activities as spraying, drenching, injecting, incorporating, surface application, band treatment, side dressing, broadcasting, soil blending, and fumigating. Also includes assisting with the above activities, as well as, entering a treated area during any application, or before the PEL has been reached or greenhouse ventilation criteria has been met. Do not include flagging or activities related to flagging, since it has its own category.

Note\* For tracking purposes use:

- 1) “*chemigating*” for applications done through irrigation systems.
- 2) “*disinfecting*” for application activities related to the use of anti-microbials.
- 3) “*fumigating*” for application activities related to commodity, field, and structural fumigations.

**CHEMIGATING:** For tracking purposes use this term for pesticides applications made through irrigation systems, including but not limited to: sprinklers, furrows, drip systems, and subsurface drip.

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**DISINFECTING:** Applying materials for purposes of disinfecting, sanitizing, or otherwise controlling pests, particularly microbial pests such as mildews, molds, algae, fungi, viruses, and bacteria by application methods including mopping, wiping, spraying, drenching and laundering. Separated from “applying” for tracking purposes.

**DISPOSING:** Disposing of pesticides, rinse solutions, emptied containers or parts thereof, or equipment that holds or has held a pesticide; or emptying containers or pesticide equipment that held pesticides or pesticide/rinse solutions.

**FIELDWORKER ACTIVITIES:** Any cultural activity performed by hand or with hand tools, that causes substantial contact with surfaces that may have pesticide residues. Activities include, but are not limited to: harvesting, detasseling, thinning, weeding, topping, planting, sucker removal, pruning, disbudding, roguing, and packing produce into containers in the field.

**FLAGGING:** Assisting with aerial applications, or ground applications (e.g. orchard blasters).

**FUMIGATING:** Application activities related to commodity, field and structural fumigations. Separated from “applying” for tracking purposes.

**IRRIGATING:** Placing, moving, or repairing irrigation equipment. Do NOT include pesticide applications made through irrigation systems; use “chemigating” for those situations.

**LICENSING:** The act of obtaining a license or certificate from the Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Structural Pest Control Board, or the Department of Health Services (for Farm Labor Contractors & Vector Control Technicians) to conduct pest control for hire, or to supervise the use of or apply restricted materials.

**MAINTAINING EQUIPMENT:** Maintaining, servicing, repairing, cleaning, or handling equipment used in pesticide use activities, such as mixing/loading or applying, that may contain pesticide residue.

**MIXING/LOADING:** Mixing pesticides, adjuvants or other materials with water, oil, fertilizers or other substances for the purpose of applying. Loading pesticides or other substances intended for pesticidal purposes into spray equipment or devices. Rinsing of pesticide containers, and/or spray equipment.

**PROCESSING/PACKING:** Cleaning, sorting, packing, or processing agricultural commodities in a warehouse, packing shed or processing plant; not in the field.

## **APPENDIX 4 (continued)**

### **ACTIVITY DEFINITIONS**

**RECORD KEEPING:** Logging, filing, recording, maintaining, submitting, or displaying documents or records related to pesticide use or pesticide use activities.

**REGISTERING:** The act of enrolling with the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office as a licensee conducting business within that given county. (includes Farm Labor Contractors).

**STORING:** Placing of pesticide(s), pesticide container(s), or equipment used for pesticide activities in an enclosure, designated area or other location that is locked or attended.

**TRANSPORTING:** Delivering, moving, transferring, or conveying pesticide(s) or pesticide container(s) from one place to another.

**OTHER:** If an appropriate term is not available from the above, record "*other*" in the activity field, and list the word(s) that best describe the activity in the "comments" field.